



2022

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

YEAR IN REVIEW



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COMMISSIONER DEREK GABRIEL

On behalf of our entire DPW family, I am pleased to present the 2022 Year In Review. 2022 was a hallmark year for the department as we transitioned from “recovery” into “transformation.” This year, our transformative journey took on a different look as we focused on completing several smaller projects with significant impact in the communities and neighborhoods where we live.

While we have just about finished our projects funded through Act 8454, thanks to a large push from Governor Bryan and Lt. Governor Roach, we added many more projects using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. We completed paving projects in Estate St. George’s, Hermon Hill, Estate Whim, Estate Contant, Anna’s Retreat, Estate Lilliendahl, Hull Bay Road, North Star Village Road and segments of Centerline Road on St. John – just to name a few! We were successfully awarded major federal grants to continue Phase II of the Veterans Drive Improvement Project; rehabilitate roads, sidewalks and drainage in Estate Thomas; and to acquire a third, larger ferry for the Red Hook – Cruz Bay route. I am also extremely pleased with the number of talented young Virgin Islanders we were able to successfully recruit and hire. Now, we can truly say the Virgin Islands is being transformed by Virgin Islanders.

While 2022 was a great year for us, I strongly believe we are poised for even more in 2023! Transformative progress isn’t easy so I thank you, as always, for your patience, understanding and support as we continue on our transformative journey. Let’s continue to strive for greatness TOGETHER!

JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS



GUARDRAIL REPAIRS

DPW crews fixed broken railings on the Christiansted Bypass.

JAN 5

FREDERIKSTED

Roads in Frederiksted were striped.

JAN 7

PAUL E. JOSEPH

The first full slab of concrete was poured at the Paul E. Joseph Stadium.

JAN 12

GALLOWES BAY

The northbound lane and adjacent sidewalks were completed.

JAN 13

CARLTON ROAD

The basecoat of asphalt was placed on Carlton Road.

JAN 19

HERMON HILL

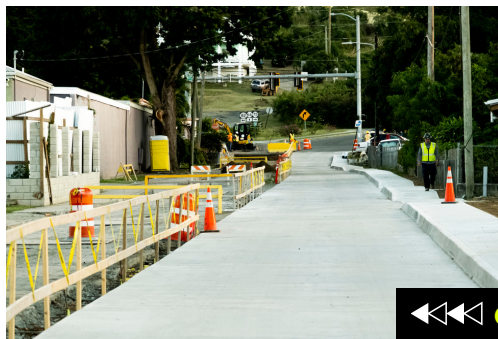
Paving was completed on Phase 1 of the Hermon Hill project.

JAN 25

MANDAHL ROAD

Roadwork began on Estate Mandahl Road.

JAN 26



RICHMOND

Roadwork began in Estate Richmond on St. Croix.

FEB 8

RAPHUNE HILL RENAMED

Raphune Hill was renamed in honor of Dorothy "Dotsy" Lockhart Elskoe.

FEB 21

ST. JOHN CROSSWALK

Crosswalks in downtown Cruz Bay got repainted.

FEB 25

FEB 1

VITRAN

The roof of the VITRAN Operations & Maintenance Facility on St. Croix was installed.

FEB 15

FTA GRANT

DPW won the 2021 Passenger Ferry Grant for \$5.1 million.

FEB 24

BASIN TRIANGLE

Roadwork began in Basin Triangle on St. Croix.

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS



MARCH HIGHLIGHTS



ARPA PROJECTS

DPW was awarded \$22 million from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

MAR 2

ADDIE OTTLEY DRIVE

A road naming ceremony was held for the Athniel C. "Addie" Ottley Drive.

MAR 16

GOLDEN ROCK

DPW started resurfacing roads in Estate Golden Rock.

MAR 28

CENTERLINE ROAD

Road construction began on Centerline Road in St. John.

MAR 1

AGENCY COLLAB

DPW joined other government agencies to clear land being used for illegal activities.

MAR 3

KINGSHILL CEMETERY

Construction began on the Kingshill Cemetery Parking Lot.

MAR 16

ESTATE HOPE

Roadwork began in Estate Hope on St. Thomas.

MAR 28



APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

BLACKPOINT HILL

FHWA Emergency relief work began on BlackPoint Hill.

APR 7

EAST END, ST. CROIX

Roadways on the East End of St. Croix were resurfaced.

APR 12

MANDAHL ROAD

Repairs on Estate Mandahl Road were completed.

APR 20

BASIN TRIANGLE

DPW began striping Basin Triangle to Sunday Market Square.

APR 28

CARLTON ROAD

Paving on the northern section of the roadway was completed.

APR 27



MAY HIGHLIGHTS



TODMAN DRIVE

Airport Road on St. Thomas was renamed in honor of Ambassador Terrence A. Todman.

MAY 5

COMPLETED ROADS

Nicholas Friday Memorial Drive and Estate Hope on St. Thomas were repaved.

MAY 9

HOSPITAL GROUND

Roadwork in Estate Hospital Ground was completed.

MAY 18

GALLOWS BAY

Road repairs on the southbound lanes were completed.

MAY 24

FISH BAY ROAD

The Emergency Relief project on Fish Bay Road in St. John was completed.

MAY 25

DPW WEEK

DPW celebrated Public Works Week on St. Croix.

MAY 27

HURRICANE SEASON

DPW cleared guts territory-wide in preparation for hurricane season.

JUN 8

WEYMOUTH RHYMER HIGHWAY

Emergency Relief repairs on Weymouth Rhymer Highway were completed.

JUN 14

CARLTON ROAD

The Carlton Road Project was completed.

JUN 22

VITRAN ROUTES

DPW received a \$375,000 FTA grant to expand VITRAN routes.

JUN 3

ESTATE PEARL

Roadwork in Estate Pearl on St. Croix was completed.

JUN 9

FRENCHMAN'S BAY & NEW TUTU

Roadwork in Frenchman's Bay and New Tutu (Monster Hill) was completed.

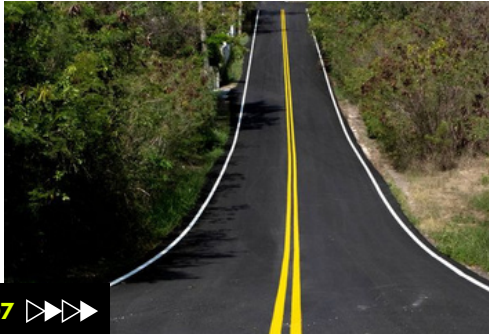
JUN 15

LA REINE

Phase 2 of roadwork in Estate La Reine was completed.

JUN 30

JUNE HIGHLIGHTS



JULY HIGHLIGHTS



JORDANVILLE

DPW's Derron Jordan was honored at the 2022 St. John Celebration Village.

JULY 1

SIDEWALK REPAIRS

Sidewalks in the Clifton Hill area of St. Croix were repaired.

JUL 7

INSIDE THE CABINET

DPW Commissioner hosted Inside the Cabinet.

JUL 12

BUGBY HOLE

Phase 3 of the Estate Bugby Hole road project was completed.

JUL 19

MELVIN EVANS

DPW began reconstruction on Phase 6 of the Melvin Evans Highway.

JUL 21

DPW WEEK

DPW St. Thomas/St. John District celebrated DPW Week.

JUL22

AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

TRAFFIC LIGHTS

New traffic lights on Kronprindsens Gade were installed.

AUG 9

RAISE GRANT

DPW won a \$25 million RAISE grant for phase 2 of the Veterans Drive road project.

AUG 11

FREDERIKSTED

Roadwork on Route 702 and East Street was completed.

AUG 31

AUG 5

ESTATE THOMAS

DPW was awarded a \$2 million grant from DOI for a road project in Estate Thomas.

AUG 9

ALTONA

Roadwork in the Altona area of St. Thomas was completed.

AUG 19

CLIFTON HILL

The Clifton Hill Connector Road project began.



SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



PAUL E. JOSEPH

Contractors completed the foundation and raised two walls on the PEJ Stadium.

SEP 13

RAADETS GADE

Traffic lights were repaired at the intersection of Raadets Gade and Veterans Drive.

SEP 15

TROPICAL STORM FIONA

DPW helped residents prepare for the passing of Tropical Storm Fiona.

SEP 21

WATERSHED PROJECT

The Great Cruz Bay Watershed project began.

SEP 8

LINDBERGH BAY

DPW began Emergency Relief Work in the Lindbergh Bay area of St. Thomas.

SEP 14

MELVIN EVANS

DPW began the reconstruction of a failed roadway on the Melvin Evans Highway in the Good Hope area.

SEP 16

LAGOON

Emergency relief work at the Altona Lagoon began.

SEP 29

HERMON HILL

DPW striped the final phase of the Hermon Hill residential project.

OCT 12

MON BIJOU TO LAVALLEE

Temporary repairs on Route 73, from Mon Bijou to La Vallee began.

OCT 19

LAVALLEE TO SALT RIVER

Roadwork from La Vallee to Salt River Road began.

OCT 27

OCT 6

BOLONGO BAY DRAINAGE

A large and small bioretention basin for the Bolongo Bay Drainage project was installed.

OCT 18

ESTATE WHIM

DPW began construction on Estate Whim roads.

OCT 21

LILLIENDAHL

DPW began roadwork in Estate Lilliendahl, near Four Corners.

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS



NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



DBE TOWNHALL

DPW hosted a townhall for ferry construction project.

NOV 2

GEORGE A. MENA

Roadwork on the George A. Mena Scenic Drive was completed.

NOV 4

ESTATE WHIM

Estate Whim roads – starting at Pine Drive – were paved.

NOV 7

FORT CHRISTIAN

Communication upgrades began at the Fort Christian Parking lot.

NOV 10

DONOE ROAD REPAIRS

Road repairs in Estate Donoe were complete.

NOV 22

PAUL E. JOSEPH

The first tower roof on the Paul E. Joseph stadium was placed.

NOV 29



DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

ALTON ADAMS DRIVE

Roadwork began on Alton Adams Drive.

DEC 5

CLIFTON HILL

Stoplights at Clifton Hill were replaced. New material was placed on the roadway.



MELVIN EVANS

Progress on the Melvin Evans Highway project continued - swales were built at the Williams Delight intersection.

DEC 15

DEC 22

REVIEWING STAND

DPW construction crews built the reviewing stand for Crucian Christmas Festival.

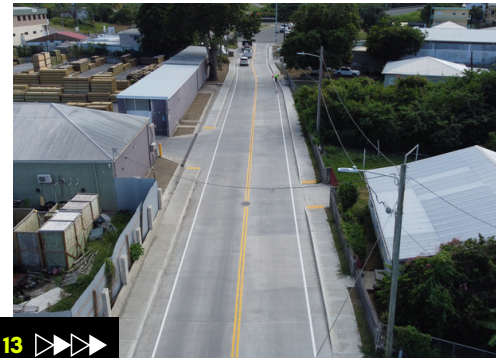


GALLOWS BAY

DPW completed all roadwork at Gallows Bay.

DEC 27

DEC 28



COMPLETED ROAD PROJECTS



GALLOWES BAY



ST. CROIX DISTRICT

The Department of Public Works completed several road projects, improving the infrastructure of the territory's roadways for 2022. These road projects included the remaining projects from Act 8454, as well as projects funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021.



ESTATE WORK AND REST PHASE 2



UNION MT. WASHINGTON PHASE 2



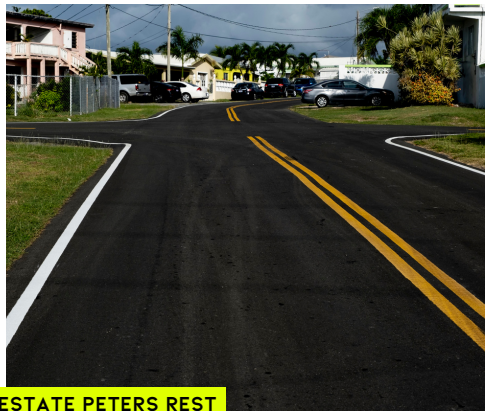
CAMPO RICO PHASE 2



ESTATE RICHMOND



UPPER LOVE PHASE 2



ESTATE PETERS REST



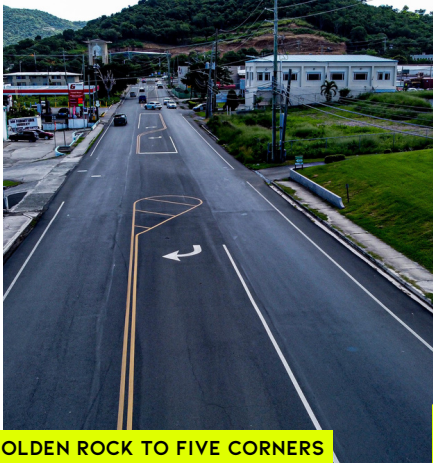
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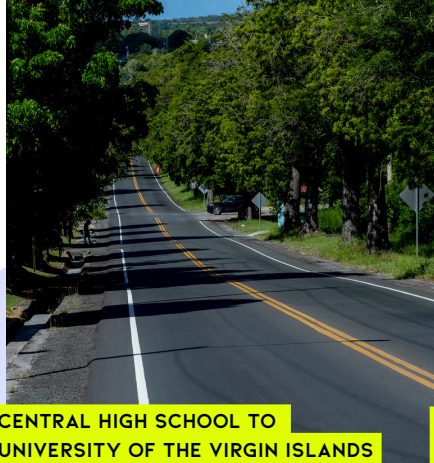
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UNIVERSITY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS



SUNDAY MARKET SQUARE TO BASIN
TRIANGLE



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SUNDAY MARKET SQUARE TO BASIN
TRIANGLE

BEFORE & AFTER

Roadway improvements included road reconstruction, milling, asphalt paving, striping, drainage rehabilitation, signage, guardrails, raised pavement markers, and other miscellaneous work.

This section highlights the enhancements along the roadway with before and after images.

COMPLETED ROAD PROJECTS

MISGUNST



ST. THOMAS/ST. JOHN DISTRICT

The Department completed 24 local road projects on St. Croix, and 12 local projects in the St. Thomas/St. John District. Five federal highway projects were completed territory-wide.



CENTERLINE ROAD, STJ



GEORGE A. MENA SCENIC DRIVE, STT



STAR FISH MARKET ROAD, STJ



ESTATE MANDAHN ROAD, STT



CLEARVIEW PROJECT, STT



ALTONA, STT

BEFORE & AFTER



DONOE BYPASS ROAD REPAIRS



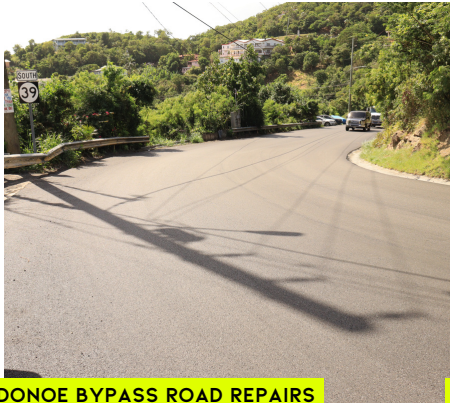
CONTANT (JUDY GOMEZ HIGHWAY)



ESTATE HOPE



TUTU VALLEY (MONSTER HILL)



DONOE BYPASS ROAD REPAIRS



CONTANT (JUDY GOMEZ HIGHWAY)



ESTATE HOPE



TUTU VALLEY (MONSTER HILL)

IN THE WORKS

Operations Division Spotlight

The Department of Public Works' Operations Division completed hundreds of projects in 2022 territory-wide. They included sidewalk repairs, guardrail repairs, road patching, gut cleaning, maintenance and roadside cleaning. On St. Croix, 438 work orders were documented. Notable projects on St. Croix include the build out of the Festival Reviewing Stand and patching a collapsed road on Melvin Evans Highway.



ST. CROIX ● ● ●



IN THE WORKS

Operations Division Spotlight

In the St. Thomas/St. John District, 217 work orders were documented. Some notable projects include repairs the Fort Christian Parking lot for St. Thomas Carnival, sidewalk repairs, pothole patching, and annual gut maintenance in preparation for Hurricane Season.



ST. THOMAS ● ● ●

IN THE WORKS

Operations Division Spotlight

On St. John, projects completed by the Operations Division included repainting cross walks in Cruz Bay, annual gut cleaning, and stage building for various events.



ST. JOHN ● ● ●



Street SWEEPER

The Department of Public Works is happy to state additional funds were allocated to purchase two new street sweepers - one for St. Croix and St. John. This equipment combines water, brooms and vacuum technology to pick up various debris to keep the roadways clear and usable for the community.

TERRITORIAL CEMETERY PROJECTS

Highlights

- Cemetery Records Project – This segment of the project will utilize GIS technology to map all public cemeteries in the territory. DPW partnered with Tulane University for this endeavor. Once completed, all burial plots in public cemeteries will have a geocode, which will help DPW employees and families locate their loved ones. A segment of this project also includes training for interested UVI students.
- The scope of the Western Cemetery Beautification Project includes the installation of a masonry wall surrounding Western Cemetery #3, repairs to concrete pavements and vaults, as well as the removal of tree stumps throughout the entire Western Cemetery. An ADA-compliant ramp and aluminum gates at Western Cemetery #1 and #3 will also be added. Pending funding availability, DPW will start this project in 2023.
- The Kingshill Cemetery parking lot was completely redone in 2022 after being severely damaged from the 2017 Hurricanes. Repairs to the Chapel will begin in 2023.





KINGSHILL CEMETERY (COMPLETED 2022)

VIRGIN ISLANDS TRANSIT SYSTEM



Highlights

- In February 2022, the department received a \$5.1 million grant from the Federal Transit Administration's Passenger Ferry Grant Program. DPW will purchase a new 100 ft. ferry for the St. Thomas-St. John route.
- This year, DPW acquired five new paratransit ADA buses. Another five are expected shortly. The purchase of four heavy-duty buses is also in progress.
- Very soon, advertising space will be available on VITRAN buses and shelters. The contract is in the final stages and the program will kick off in early 2023.
- St. Croix's VITRAN Maintenance and Operation's facility is at the 75% completion mark. The new facility will be 14,950 square feet and the primary operating facility for VITRAN on St. Croix. It will be comprised of three buildings: an operations facility, a bus-washing building, and a tire storage building. The new facility will also include four service bays and administrative offices for all of VITRAN's St. Croix staff. It is expected to be completed in April 2023.





VITRAN MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS FACILITY RENDERING
EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN APRIL 2023.

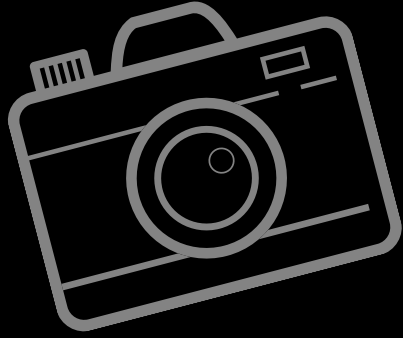


DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ANNA'S HOPE COMPOUND RENDERING.



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS CONCORDIA COMPOUND RENDERING.

Outreach & Events



DPW collected non-perishables to donate to the Family Resource Center on St. Thomas.



Give Back Day at the Nana Baby Home on St. Thomas.



Employees celebrating the opening of St. John Village named in honor St. John Director of Roads Derron Jordan.



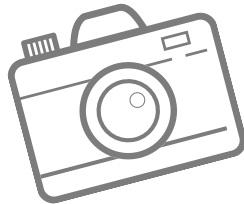
Deputy Commissioner Dodson James shares hurricane preparation information.

DPW clearing debris at Herbert Grigg Home on St. Croix for Give Back Day.

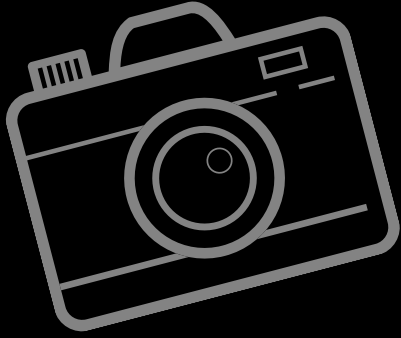


THANKING THE TEAM!

St. Thomas/ St. John District employees were gifted 120 turkeys coordinated by Administrator Avery Lewis and others.



Outreach & Events



St. Thomas Rotary Club outreach event with Commissioner Derek Gabriel and Jomo McClean.



DPW Breast Cancer & Domestic Violence Awareness Month activity.



DPW employees presenting at the Career Expo and Mixer 2022.



2022 NATIONAL ENGINEER'S WEEK

National Engineer's Week is dedicated to ensuring a diverse and well-educated future engineering workforce by increasing understanding of, and interest in, engineering and technology careers.





Outreach & Events

DPW Week Beach Day





Outreach & Events

Battle of the Agencies



2022 EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHTS



JEMILA BENJAMIN

Heavy Equipment
Mechanic



DERRON JORDAN

Director of Roads
St. John



ANDREW RAY

Transportation
Planner



JAMELIA THOMAS

VITRAN Bus
Operator

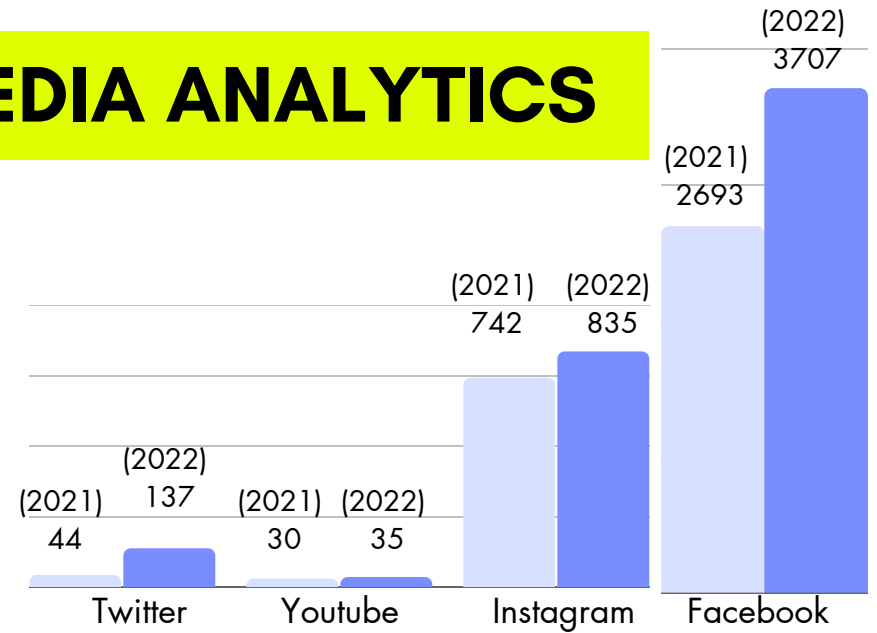


BERNARD SHERIFF
Employee of the Year
St. Croix

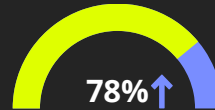
SHERN HODGE
Employee of the Year
St. Thomas

St. Thomas Employees	St. John Employees	St. Croix Employees	TERRITORY-WIDE TOTAL
105	17	109	231

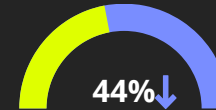
SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYTICS



FACEBOOK REACH



INSTAGRAM REACH



In 2022, DPW saw growth in all its social media platforms. The department's Facebook page received 1014 new followers. On Instagram, the department's following increased from 742 followers last year to 835 followers this year. However, Instagram's reach dropped by 44%.

The lesser used platforms saw an increase as well, although slight. DPW's Twitter following grew from 44 to 137, while YouTube went from 30 followers to 35.

2023 EXPECTATIONS



Expected To Begin:

- Kingshill Chapel Repair Project
- Bridge Projects – Altona Lagoon, Frederiksted (near PEJ), Department of Agriculture grounds, and Queen Mary Highway
- Mahogany Road Project
- LaGrange Project – Drainage Installation and Road Reconstruction
- Frederiksted Roads Project (King, Queen, and Strand Streets)
- Western Cemetery #3 Wall Project Project
- St. Thomas/St. John Ferry Purchase
- First Avenue Road Repairs Project
- Estate Thomas Neighborhood Roads Project (segments)

To Be Completed:

- Paul E. Joseph Stadium
- VITRAN Operations & Maintenance Facility – St. Croix
- Clifton Hill Road Connector Road Project
- Melvin Evans Road Project (Good Hope to William's Delight)
- Frederiksted Roads Project (King, Queen, and Strand Streets)
- Water Island FEMA Road Project
- St. John FEMA Road Projects – Cruz Bay, Coral Bay, and Fish Bay Watersheds
- Act 8454 Road Projects
 - Estate Lilliendahl & Marienhoj
 - Estate Smith Bay



VETERANS DRIVE PHASE 2 RENDERING

The Department of Public Works secured a competitive \$25 million federal grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program to assist in funding phase two of the Veterans Drive Improvement Project.



Coming soon...